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**18th District, New York**

March 5, 2019

Secretary of Defense Patrick M. Shanahan  
U.S. Department of Defense  
1300 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 203601

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I've recently been made aware that the Department of Defense (DoD) plans to permanently close the Labor and Delivery Unit (L&D) at Keller Army Community Hospital (KACH) at the United States Military Academy at West Point. Hundreds of my constituents have voiced their concerns regarding the future of the L&D and the impact its closure will have.

The growing families of West Point and the surrounding military community have come to rely on the L&D services and the excellent care provided by KACH. Labor and delivery services are obviously time-sensitive, meaning close proximity and short travel times are very important to expecting families. West Point's location in a valley paired with unpredictable weather can create hazardous traveling conditions for our military families when Labor and Delivery services are needed quickly. Our military families should not have to risk 45 minutes or more of travel to deliver a child when these services can and should be provided at KACH, within minutes of their home.

In an effort to maintain quality service that is accessible to the growing families of West Point, I request that the decision to permanently close the Obstetrics and Labor and Delivery at Keller Army Community Hospital be reconsidered. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "SEAN MALONEY", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sean Patrick Maloney  
Member of Congress